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**Subject:** R6 BAER Update 9/21/2018

Good morning,

BAER assessments are still running smoothly across the region. I spent the past two weeks in Wenatchee, WA working with two of the teams on the Okanogan-Wenatchee fires, Cougar Creek and Miriam. We have had a few shifts with the staffing of the upcoming teams due to higher priority needs with the fires outside of Salt Lake City, however all of the teams here in R6 remain sufficiently staffed. Folks are stepping up to help out in R4 and working well to get all the needs met across the board.

BAER requests for the South Umpqua Complex (RR-S and Ump), Snow Shoe (Ump), and Cougar Fires have been submitted or will be soon. All requested treatments and 2500-8's have been vetted through me prior to submission and I will have the authorization letters prepared and entered into Mercury this morning. Below is a short breakdown of each request. If you would like any additional information on these requests, please let me know. 9

South Umpqua Complex, Rogue River-Siskiyou – This request was submitted yesterday for a total of \$143,000. The largest cost item is road drainage improvements including one culvert overflow structure. Other treatments are cultural resource protection, invasive plants early detection-rapid response, temporary road closures and hazard warning signs.

South Umpqua Complex, Umpqua – This request was submitted yesterday for a total of \$89,042. Again, the largest cost item is road drainage improvements including one small culvert upsizing. Other treatments are hazard tree mitigations at developed recreation sites, cultural resource protection, invasive plants early detection-rapid response, temporary road closures and hazard warning signs.

Snow Shoe Fire, Umpqua – This interim request was submitted yesterday for a total of \$20,363. An initial request had previously been authorized for \$2,000 for hazard warning signs. Treatments include road drainage improvements, invasive plants early detection-rapid response, along with temporary road closures and additional hazard warning signs. Total request for Snow Show BAER is \$22,363.

Cougar Creek Fire, Okanogan-Wenatchee - This request will be submitted today or Monday for \$318,836. Treatments include road and trail drainage improvements, hazard tree mitigations at developed recreation sites, guard rail replacement, invasive plants early detection-rapid response, and hazard warning signs. I was able to participate with this team throughout their assessment and was really impressed with how they prioritized the treatments, especially the road work to the most important and at risk sites.

The Miriam and Watson Creek BAER teams will be wrapping up over the weekend with the requests being submitted early next week . Both teams are expecting small requests.

Upcoming start dates for additional teams within the region:

9/20 – Natchez, Rogue River-Siskiyou, joint with R5

9/25 - Crescent Mountain/McLeod, Okanogan-Wenatchee

9/27 – Taylor Creek/Klondike, Rogue River- Siskiyou

10/9 – Terwilliger, Willamette

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